



Central United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

To make disciples of Christ who WORSHIP God,
GROW in their faith and SERVE in the church and world.

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Please scan the QR code to the left and fill out the connect card
to let us know you are worshipping with us and how we can
connect you to our ministries.

The Worship of God

January 18, 2026

10:00am

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Prelude *The Peace May Be Exchanged from "Rubrics"* arr. Locklair
Libby Alexander, organ

*Congregational Song *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

Children's Message Donna Boggs

Offertory *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here* arr. Burkhardt
Libby Alexander, organ

Doxology #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Congregational Song *Mighty to Save*

Scripture John 1: 29-42

Sermon **The Lamb of God:
What Are You Looking For?** Rev. David Lee

*Congregational Song *I Love to Tell the Story*

*Benediction

*Chiming the Trinity

*Postlude *Procession* arr. Williams
Libby Alexander, organ
*Please stand if able

Our Altar is designed to honor the memory of Betty Reeves and to remember her years of dedicated service as wife of Pastor Emeritus Joe Reeves.

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

Visitors are invited to visit the Welcome Table for a free gift and additional information about Central United Methodist Church. We are glad you are here!



Connect with us!

Use this QR Code for a direct link to all things CUMC. Get easy access to online giving options, connect cards letting us know you were in worship (in person or online), updated bulletins, newsletters and more!

Prayer Concerns

For this week please pray for the following:

*All of those recovering or suffering from medical issues, physical and emotional.

CUMC Family

12/30 Bob Conlon (Cancer)
12/30 Peggy Conlon & family (passing of her daughter-in-law, Denise)
1/16 Ollie Anthony
1/16 Jo Marsh
1/16 Frank Richardson

Other

Military & First Responders
Our Homeless Community
Wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan
Our Nation, County, and City

Family and Friends

12/15 Rodney Grant Jr. (Loss of leg)
12/17 Dale Eaker (Jessica Talbert's mom; cancer)
12/29 Sandra Raynor & family
12/29 Kimberlyn Floyd
1/2 Jerry Hendricks (Lynn Carter's mom- hip replacement & Medical complications)
1/8 The family of Pam Folk (Lynn Carter's cousin passed away 1/7)
1/11 Tachika Poston (Susan Tapp's mother's former caregiver)
1/11 Mary Beam
1/16 Deborah Martin (Stephen Ager's sister; cancer recovery)
1/16 Gerald Lamonte Jennings (cancer)

Ministry Needs

Below is a list of volunteer and donation needs for some of our ministries:

Backpack Ministry: For January: **Fruit Cups**

Open Table: **Bottled Water**

Interested in Feeding the Youth in 2026?

Sign up to provide a meal Sunday evening at 5pm in the fellowship hall.

Please reach out to Katie with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B49A4AB23A1FFC70-61391068-meal#/>

Children Serve At Open Table

As a Children's Ministry service initiative, children and parents are invited to help distribute food at Open Table on Saturday, Jan 17. Please enter through the Kids Place doors and meet in the PAC at 10:00am and we will start serving at 10:30. This is recommended for ages 3+ with a parent. We will go out to eat afterwards at Chick-fil-a at the mall.

Office Hours

The office will be closed Monday, January 19, 2026. We will reopen for regular hours on January 20.

Blood Drive

January 20 from 2-6:30pm

Let's start the year off right and start giving blood, if you've never given. And if you are a donor, keep up the good work. You are saving lives. Your blood is greatly needed.

Worship Service- February 1

Although there will be many of our congregation at Lake Junaluska, there still be a worship service hosted at CUMC on 2/1! There will be no Sunday School or nursery provided that day. Join us for worship locally at 10AM- you are welcome!

2026 Altar Flower Sign Ups

The flower calendar is up in the choir room vestibule for anyone who would like to honor a special date/person with altar flowers.

WinGs

January 21 at 10AM in the Fellowship Hall

Ladies of Central! It is time to kick off a new year for WinGs! Come and be a part of this incredible group of women. Join in the marvelous fellowship, service, and fun! Come learn and grow along with us.

You will find the most caring, dedicated circle of friends who support each other, our church, its staff, its programs and our community.

We need YOU! You don't want to miss it!



Discipleship Opportunities

New Study- "Everyone Must Eat"

Beginning 1/14

5:15-6pm in the conference room

This is a new four-week class called "Everyone Must Eat", co-led by Pastor David and Laura Lombardi. It is a spiritually grounded and justice-minded conversation about food insecurity in Cleveland County.

Every Saturday, our Open Table Ministry feeds over 200 people with a hot meal and groceries—offering connection, care, and dignity. And yet, 1 in 6 of our neighbors in Cleveland County still struggle to access enough food. What more can we do—not just to feed people, but to build a more just and sustainable food system for all?

This isn't a top-down teaching series. It's not a lecture, but a lab for listening, learning, and leading together. We'll ask hard questions, share personal stories, and begin shaping practical responses to food insecurity right here in Shelby. If you're looking to connect your faith with real-life community impact, this class is for you.

Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study

8am, Saturday Mornings before Open Table.

CUMC Room E210

Meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

The Book of Matthew

Have you wondered about the nature of the Kingdom of Heaven? Good thing to wonder! Matthew's gospel pulls back the curtain and says, "Thanks for asking, here it is." Taught by Dr. Tim Sieges, retired Director of Wycliffe Counseling Ministries

Disciple Class

Disciple is an in-depth four-year Bible Study that meets every Tuesday afternoon in the conference room from 3-5PM. We will resume meeting some time in February. Please contact Rob Laney (704-472-5042) if you are interested in joining!

Central UMC Ministry Opportunity

This QR code will take you to a comprehensive list of opportunities to be involved and serve at Central. Check out the list! You will be proud of all that Central does to make a difference in people's lives! Find a place to serve! As you find your place to serve, help new people find the information and a place to plug in! Together we shine the bright light of Christ!

Central UMC is a *Safe Sanctuaries* church. Please be sure that your Children are always accompanied by a parent or responsible adult caregiver including if and when they need to use the restroom during service. We appreciate your assistance as we strive to ensure the safety of all.

Restrooms are located outside the right-hand side of the sanctuary, as you look at the chancel area.

Childcare is available for infants and preschool aged children. Our nursery staff awaits you in room E105.

Hearing devices are available for those who need them.

Large print Bibles & Hymnals are available for those who need them. The Ushers are at each door and will happily assist you with any of these.

SERMON NOTES
